and, in the case of some items, the allocations were given on the basis of past lifting of indigenous material. All recommendations are made after taking into consideration the conditions prescribed in the industrial approvals. The objective of such imports is to cover the gap between indigenous demand and production and to thus ensure adequate availability of medicines in the indigenous market. This is therefore an ongoing and continous process while review of duty structure forms a part of the annual budget exercise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

Blanket exemption to small scale sector

1225. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI :
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that blanket exemption to small scale sector from price control has resulted in a number of malpractices;

(b) whether Government have received any such instances;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what were the reasons on account of which blanket exemption was granted instead of exemption from price control upto a value limit as recommended by Kelkar Committee;

(e) whether it is a fact that a number of small scale sector units are selling/producing the braned products of organised sector units by getting the brand names duly transferred/assigned;

(f) if so, what are the names of such products; and

(g) what are the names of multinational drugs companies who are getting their products manufactured by small scale units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c), (e) and (f) At present, exemption to Small Scale Sector Pharmaceuticals units from the provisions of DPCO, 1987 is regulated in accordance with the provisions of Government S.O. 719(E) dated 21-7-1988. Wherever instances of companies availing exemption in violation of the conditions of the said order come to the notice of the Government, the same are looked into and dealt with in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1987.

(d) Government has taken an independent view in exempting small scale sector units from price control in respect of Category II formulations under DPCO, 1987.

(g) At present, there is no ban as such on multinational companies or other organised sector units against getting the products manufactured from SSI units. SSI units, however, in such cases are not eligible for exemption under S.O. No. 719(E) dated 21-7-1988.

Custom duty concessions on drugs and drug intermediates

1226. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI :
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of custom duty concessions recommended for drugs and drug intermediates by the Government during 1992-93;

(b) what are the items involved, their users and what are the reasons for recommending concessions of drugs and intermediates in each case;

(c) whether it is a fact that concessions have been recommended on price of decontrolled items as well as on those items whilch are likely to have adverse affect on basic production;

(d) what are the names of bulk drugs as well as drugs for which intermediates required are exempted from price control on which duty concession was recommended,